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SUBJECT: UNESCO 18TH GENERAL CONFERENCE-CUBAN DRAFT RES

ON PUERTO RICO (18C/PLEN/DR.9)

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DRAFT RESOLUTION ON PUERTO RICO (18C/PLEN/DR.9) REF: PARIS

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1. DELEGATION SHOULD WORK ACTIVELY, ENLISTING AID OF FRIENDLY DELEGATIONS, TO DEFEAT DRAFT RESOLUTION ON PUERTO RICO. LOBBYING EFFORTS, YOU SHOULD DRAW ON MATERIAL BELOW FOR ARGUMENTATION.

2. PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO HAVE EXERCISED SELF-DETERMINATION AND ATTAINED SELF-GOVERNMENT BY FREELY AND FULLY PARTICIPATING IN ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO FREELY ASSOCIATED WITH US PUERTO RICAN PEOPLE ADOPTED UNCLASSIFIED

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COMMONWEALTH CONSTITUTION IN REFERENDUM OF MARCH 3, 1952.

3. UNGA IN 1953 RECOGNIZED PUERTO RICO'S ATTAINMENT OF SELF-GOVERNMENT BY ADOPTING RESOLUTION 748. OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 5 OF RESOLUTION "RECOGNIZES THAT, IN THE FRAME-

WORK OF THEIR CONSTITUTION AND OF THE COMPACT AGREED UPON WITH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, THE PEOPLE OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO HAVE BEEN INVESTED WITH ATTRIBUTES OF POLITICAL SOVEREIGNTY WHICH CLEARLY IDENTIFY THE STATUS OF SELF-GOVERNMENT ATTAINED BY THE PUERTO RICAN PEOPLE AS THAT OF AN AUTONOMOUS POLITICAL ENTITY."

OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 6 OF THE RESOLUTION "CONSIDERS THAT, DUE TO THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE DECLARATION REGARDING NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES AND THE PROVISIONS ESTABLISHED UNDER IT IN CHAPTER XI OF THE CHARTER CAN NO LONGER BE APPLIED TO THE COMMONWEALTH."

4. BY REJECTING PROPOSAL TO INCLUDE PUERTO RICO IN ITS AGENDA IN 1971, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN EFFECT REAFFIRMED ITS PREVIOUS DECISION THAT PUERTO RICO IS SELF-GOVERNING. IN GENERAL ELECTIONS IN 1956, 1960, 1964, 1968, AND 1972, AS WELL AS IN 1967 REFERENDUM ON STATUS, THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO HAVE FREELY CHOSEN TO RETAIN THEIR PRESENT RELATIONSHIP WITH THE US. IN 1972 ELECTION, PARTY ADVOCATING CAST, GA RES 2955 DOES NOT RATIFY COMMITTEE OF 24 AS ASSERTED IN DRAFT RES.

5. USG RECOGNIZES THAT BY MAJORITY VOTE UNGA ADOPTED RESOLUTION 1514 (1960) CALLING FOR SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE FOR COLONIAL TERRITORIES. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE TERRITORIES MAY ALSO ELECT FORM OF SELF-GOVERNMENT OTHER THAN INDEPENDENCE, SUCH AS FREE ASSOCIATION WITH AN INDEPENDENT STATE. THIS WAS RECOGNIZED IN UNGA RESOLUTION 1541 (1960). PUERTO RICO HAD ADOPTED THE LATTER COURSE BY POPULAR VOTE. SINCE 1972 UN COMMITTEE OF 24 HAS CONSIDERED PUERTO RICO. US HAS OPPOSED THIS CONSIDERATION ON GROUNDS THAT PUERTO RICO IS SELF-GOVERNING; THAT RESOLUTION 748 ACCORDINGLY RECOGNIZED PUERTO RICO NO LONGER UN CONCERN, AND THAT COMMITTEE'S DISCUSSION OF PUERTO RICO IS ILLEGITIMATE INTERFERENCE IN US AND PUERTO RICAN DOMESTIC AFFAIRS.

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6. IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR VIEW THAT DISCUSSION OF PUERTO RICO BY INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION IS INTERFERENCE IN OUR INTERNAL AFFAIRS DELEGATION SHOULD LIMIT PARTICIPATION ANY DEBATE ON MATTER TO MAKING FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

"THE UNITED STATES STRENUOUSLY OPPOSES CONSIDERATION OF PUERTO RICO BY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE. THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO REPEATEDLY HAVE CHOSEN IN FREE ELECTIONS TO RETAIN THEIR PRESENT TIES WITH THE UNITED STATES. IN RESOLUTION 748 IN 1953 THE UNGA RECOGNIZED THAT PUERTO RICO IS SELF-GOVERNING AND THAT THE DECLARATION REGARDING NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES AND THE PROVISIONS UNDER IT IN CHAPTER XI OF THE CHARTER CAN NO LONGER BE APPLIED TO THE

COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO. THE GA IN ADOPTING RES 1514 SAID THAT THE PEOPLES OF NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES SHOULD ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR FREELY EXPRESSED WILL AND DESIRE. AT THE SAME SESSION THE UNGA ADOPTED RES 1541 WHICH ACKNOWLEDGED A FULL MEASURE OF SELF-GOVERNMENT COULD BE REACHED BY FREE ASSOCIATION WITH AN INDEPENDENT STATE. THE ALLUSION TO GA RES 2955 OF 1972 IS WHOLLY INACCURATE AS THE ASSEMBLY DID NOT RATIFY THE COMMITTEE OF 24 RESOLUTION AS ASSERTED IN DRAFT RESOLUTION BEFORE US. DISCUSSION OF PUERTO RICO BY THIS OR ANY OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION IS AN ILLEGITIMATE INTRUSION INTO THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE COMMONWEALTH ITSELF. SUCH DISCUSSION OF POLITICAL PROPAGANDISTIC ISSUES CAN ONLY DISTRACT THIS ORGANIZATION FROM IMPORTANT MATTERS OF LEGITIMATE CONCERN TO IT.

7. REQUEST DELEGATION KEEP DEPT FULLY INFORMED OF TREATMENT OF PUERTO RICO AT GENERAL CONFERENCE. END QUOTE.  
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